

Brother Joe's life, saying, "He was a fixture in this county; I cannot overstate the impact he had on this community and on this church." It is certain that the world has lost a great man. May God rest his soul and continue to bless his family.

HONORING DR. RICHARD COE

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Richard Coe for his exceptional career in education and his tremendous contributions to the community. Dr. Coe is retiring after nearly four decades as a teacher and administrator, roles in which he served as an inspiration to both students and colleagues alike.

For the past eight years, Dr. Coe has served as the executive director of the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22. Through his leadership and guidance, this organization has improved the quality of education for students all across Bucks County. His steadfast commitment to students and teachers has motivated educators throughout our community to follow his example of compassionate dedication.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Coe has been devoted to ensuring the education of all children, especially those with special needs. He began his career as special education classroom teacher, later becoming an administrator of special education services. Dr. Coe intimately understands our society's fundamental responsibility to educate our youth. This means helping students overcome obstacles, no matter how great or small. Like all great educators, Dr. Coe can see the potential and ability in every student. Each student is equally special and equally important.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Coe will be missed in his role with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit. But Dr. Coe will leave behind a legacy that will continue to inspire his colleagues. We can all rest assured that retirement will do nothing to hinder Dr. Coe's enthusiasm for education. Dr. Coe has actively served the community with same eagerness and commitment that he has shown in the classroom. A long list of community organizations have benefited from Dr. Coe's service. Madam Speaker, Dr. Coe has been instrumental in the positive development of our youth and our community, and I would like to thank him on behalf of those whose lives he has touched.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, while I was absent from the House of Representative last week due to the birth of my son, I would like to state how I would have voted on the following pieces of legislation if I had been able to be present:

H.R. 1773

To limit the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to grant authority to motor car-

riers domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border.

Rollcall No. 349—Yea

H.R. 1585, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Rollcall No. 351—Nay

Rollcall No. 352—Nay

Rollcall No. 355—Yea

Rollcall No. 364—Nay

Rollcall No. 365—Nay

Rollcall No. 366—Nay

Rollcall No. 367—Nay

Rollcall No. 368—Yea

Rollcall No. 369—Yea

Rollcall No. 370—Nay

Rollcall No. 371—Nay

Rollcall No. 372—Yea

Rollcall No. 373—Yea

H.R. 1427

To reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, and for other purposes.

Rollcall No. 378—Yea

Rollcall No. 379—Yea

Rollcall No. 380—Yea

Rollcall No. 381—Nay

Rollcall No. 382—Yea

Rollcall No. 383—Yea.

CONGRATULATING KRISTA BRUNE

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Krista Brune of Princeton University. Ms. Brune is a Latin American and Caribbean studies student and is a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This program was designed to help build mutual understanding between Americans and the global community. Individuals who are awarded this distinction have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional achievement and have proven themselves as leaders in their field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Ms. Brune and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO OXFORD CENTRAL
SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great pride to honor the archery team at Oxford Central School in Oxford, New Jersey. This excellent team has already proven themselves by winning the state championship in the National Archery in the Schools Program. They will now go on to compete in Louisville, Kentucky for the National Championship.

The National Archery in the Schools Program has shown that students not only enjoy

learning about archery in school but also report higher attendance on days when archery is taught. I am pleased that Oxford Central School has not only embraced this successful program, but also seen such positive results from its implementation.

The Oxford archery team is comprised of 24 outstanding shooters who finished well above their competition in New Jersey. Two of the archers, Kayle Bethune and Sharlette Carey, finished in the top three in the state. They will now go on to compete against archers from 41 other states for the national title. I expect that the Oxford archery team will certainly be a force to be reckoned with during competition.

Their individual performances and overall team accomplishments thus far deserve our most heartfelt congratulations and I wish them the best of luck at the National Championships on June 9th.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, on roll call no. 395 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO THE EUGENE A.
OBREGON AMERICAN LEGION
POST 804 ON THE OCCASION OF
ITS 60TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL
DAY SERVICE

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Eugene A. Obregon American Legion Post 804 located in East Los Angeles in my congressional district on the occasion of its 60th Annual Memorial Day Service.

Chartered by Congress in 1919, the American Legion was formed as a patriotic wartime veterans' community service organization. Thirty-five years later, the American Legion Post 804 was chartered locally in East Los Angeles.

Post 804 was named after East Los Angeles war hero Private First Class Eugene Arnold Obregon who was killed in Seoul, Korea in 1950 by enemy forces while in the line of duty. Private Obregon served with Company G, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced) and his death occurred just days before his 20th birthday.

While serving as an ammunition carrier for a machine gun squad, he was pinned down by hostile fire and left his covered position to attend to a fallen Marine, dragging him to safer ground. After seizing the Marine's shoulder rifle, he used his own body as a shield to protect his wounded comrade, firing at the enemy until he was fatally wounded by machine gun fire.

For his courage and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty, Private Obregon was posthumously awarded the United States Congressional Medal of Honor—the highest award